

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2994 - HB 2926

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all municipal elections to be held with the regular November election by 2010. Each municipality shall provide the State Coordinator of Elections a plan by which the municipality intends to comply with this requirement. A municipality may extend the term of an incumbent to facilitate the transition to the November election.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 Over Time
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,300,000 Over Time

Estimate assumes:


- All municipalities (including metro forms of government) would be required to move the date of the city elections to coincide with the November election before 2010.
- The three largest cities in the state would save an amount exceeding \$1,300,000. (In addition, there would be numerous smaller cities that would also realize savings; however, some of the smaller cities have already done this.)
- While there may be a savings in city expenditures, county expenditures may increase.
- Printing costs for paper ballots and election costs would increase for the counties. There could be an additional expense on local governments if a county had to hold one or more special elections in order to get on track by 2010. Such increase in local government expenditures would depend on the number of special elections held and the size of the county in which they are held. Such increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

The largest savings would be realized in the following cities:

Memphis city election:	\$800,000
Nashville city election:	400,000
Knoxville city election:	<u>130,000</u>
Total	\$1,330,000

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director